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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Francois Mach
APPLICATION NUMBER: 09/960,471
EXAMINER: San-ming Hui
FILING DATE: September 19, 2001
ART UNIT: 1617
FOR: Statins (HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors) as a Novel Type of Immunomodulator, Immunosuppressor and Anti-inflammatory Agent

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the December 17, 2002, Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 17, 2003. (February 17, 2003 was a Federal Holiday and on February 18, 2003 the USPTO was closed). A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 23135-501CIP (NOV-1CIP). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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